

**ABSTRACT**

**Hardened Automatic Synchronisation Scheme for ATM Cells**

- 5 A method of preserving and/or reacquiring synchronisation of ATM cells (10) in an ATM cell transmission system, the ATM cells each including a header (12) and payload (11), the method including the steps of encoding the header and payload and interleaving them along with synchronisation data within a transmission frame.

10 **FIGURE 2**